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1 The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council
2 Tribal Court Room 1150 Bayview, Petoskey, MI 49770
3 July 14, 2002
4 Smudging: 8:45 am
5 9:00 am
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8 Executive Session: yes/no

9 Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 9:37 am

10 Council present: Chairman Gerald V. Chingwa, Vice-Chairman George Anthony,
11 Secretary Fred Harrington Jr., Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Janet Shomin,
12 Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Beatrice A. Law
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14 Council absent: none

15 Staff present: See attached list

16 Guests: See attached list
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19 Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Beatrice A.
20 Law, to approve the agenda for July 14, 2002.

21 Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

22 Motion carried
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24 Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Janet Shomin,
25 to facilitate the resolution of this problem, no statements made today may be used against
26 the individual making the statement in any Tribal Hearing or any court of law.

27 Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

28 Motion carried
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30 Motion made by Councilor Janet Shomin and supported by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr.,
31 to receive into the record all of the information received from the Gaming Regulatory
32 staff Tim LaCroix excluding the letter marked confidential and including the letter dated
33 July 12, 2002 from James Bransky.

34 Vote: 3 Yes, 4 No (Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Vice-
35 Chairman George Anthony, Chairman Gerald V. Chingwa), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

36 Motion failed
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38 Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Beatrice A.
39 Law, to place into the record the letters concerning the status of Gaming Regulatory
40 employees from James Bransky dated July 12, 2002 and July 2, 2002.

41 Vote: 5 Yes, 2 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Janet Shomin), 0
42 Abstained, 0 Absent

43 Motion carried
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45 Motion made by Councilor Rita Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Janet Shomin,
46 to adjourn for lack of preparation.

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1 Vote: 2 Yes, 5 No (Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Vice-
2 Chairman George Anthony, Chairman Gerald V. Chingwa, Secretary Fred Harrington
3 Jr.), 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor Beatrice A. Law)
4 Motion failed
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6 Much discussion and questioning about the topics at hand.
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8 11:45 am, Public Comment opened, Judy Skippergosh, Gary Shomin, Ellie Barber,
9 Andrew Stitch, Ellie Barber, Janice Shackelford, and Gary Shonmin
10 11:52 am, Public Comment closed.
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12 12:03 pm, recessed for lunch until 1:00 pm
13 1:12 pm, reconvened
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15 Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Janet Shomin,
16 to use the current Gaming Regulatory Personnel Policies dated March 3, 2001, until a
17 merger plan is approved by Tribal Council.
18 Vote: 5 Yes, 2 No (Vice-Chairman George Anthony, Chairman Gerald V. Chingwa),
19 0 Abstained, 0 Absent
20 Motion carried
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22 Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Treasurer Alice
23 Yellowbank, to direct the Tribal Administrator to bring a draft proposal for merging the
24 Gaming Regulatory Commission staff Personnel Policies with the Tribal Government's
25 Personnel Policies within thirty days of July 14, 2002.
26 Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent
27 Motion carried
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29 Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Beatrice A.
30 Law to direct the Tribal Chairman to inform all Tribal personnel that only the Tribal
31 Council has authority to override a commission action.
32 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent
33 Motion carried
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35 Motion made by Treasurer Alice Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Beatrice A.
36 Law, to adopt the policy on the status of Gaming Regulatory Commission Employees
37 dated July 2, 2002.
38 Vote: 5 Yes, 2 No (Councilor Janet Shomin, Councilor Rita Shananaquet), 0
39 Abstained, 0 Absent
40 Motion carried
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42 Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Rita
43 Shananaquet, to reappoint Beverly Wemigwase to the Gaming Regulatory Commission
44 for a three year term.
45 Vote: 3 Yes, No (Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Vice-
46 Chairman George Anthony, Chairman Gerald V. Chingwa), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

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1 Motion failed

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3 Motion made by Vice-Chairman George Anthony and supported by Councilor Beatrice
4 A. Law, to declare Beverly Wemigwase's seat on the Gaming Regulatory Commission
5 vacant.

6 Vote: Yes, 3 No (Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Janet Shomin, Secretary
7 Fred Harrington Jr.), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

8 Motion carried

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10 Motion made by Vice-Chairman George Anthony and supported by Councilor Beatrice
11 A. Law, to appoint Treasurer Alice Yellowbank to fill the vacant seat on the Gaming
12 Regulatory Commission for an emergency sixty day period effective immediately.

13 Vote: 3 Yes, 2 No, 2 Abstained (Treasurer Alice Yellowbank, Secretary Fred
14 Harrington Jr.), 0 Absent

15 Motion carried

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17 2:04 pm, Motion made by Councilor Beatrice A. Law and supported by Vice-Chairman
18 George Anthony, to go into executive session.

19 Vote: 4 Yes, 3 No (Secretary Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Rita Shananaquet,
20 Councilor Janet Shomin), 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

21 Motion carried

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23 2:12 pm, Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Vice-Chairman
24 George Anthony, to return to open session.

25 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

26 Motion carried

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28 2:12 pm, Motion made by Secretary Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Rita
29 Shananaquet, to adjourn.

30 Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

31 Motion carried

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33 These minutes have been read and approved as written:

34 Recorded by:

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Fred Harrington Jr., Tribal Secretary

_____ Date

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